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Amazon Cacao Development Alliance (Yachana Gourmet)	USAID has recently developed a strategic alliance with the U.S. Chocolate Manufacturers' Association, several key member companies, and other organizations. There is growing concern that some agricultural goods finding their way to developed country markets are being produced with exploitative forms of labor practices. In West Africa and Latin America, cocoa and chocolate have become a focal point for issues regarding abusive child labor and trafficking practices used in cocoa production. Consistent with concerns expressed by the U.S. Congress and human rights groups, the Chocolate Manufacturers' Association and others have signed a protocol for cocoa beans and their derivative products to be grown and processed in a manner that complies with the International Labor Organization Convention 182 on child labor. Funded by USAID/GDA and implemented by USAID/Ecuador.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	275,000
Customs Reform	This activity examines best practices in customs management, determines aspects of these models applicable for Ecuador, and establishes efficient procedures for reconciling import and export data to determine sources of error and fraud. The activity will support efforts to correct weaknesses and to improve the overall audit function of the customs department. Funded and implemented by USAID/Ecuador.	Customs Operation & Administration	300,000
Ecuador Cochran Fellowships	United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Cochran Fellowship Program promotes global market-driven food systems through short-term agricultural marketing and agribusiness-related training in the United States. In 2003: (1) two Ecuadorian produce importer and managers attended training in Produce Handling, and (2) one Ecuadorian veterinarian attended a Foreign Animal Disease Diagnosis course. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	Trade-Related Agriculture	11,440
Ecuador Timebound Program to Combat the Worst Forms of Child Labor	The Timebound Program in Ecuador aims to combat the worst forms of child labor in a specified period of time. Funded and implemented by Department of Labor/ILAB.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	2,000,000
Financial Sector Strengthening	This activity provides technical assistance primarily to the Superintendency of Banks to strengthen the financial sector, to increase financial sector efficiency and prudence. It should also enhance confidence in sector, both domestically and internationally. Some of the expected results include more agile risk-based supervision, eliminating the bad debt overhang and establishing a private sector owned credit bureau. Funded and implemented by USAID/Ecuador.	Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	1,400,000

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Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Seafood Processor Seminar in Ecuador	April 2003, Food and Drug Administration/Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (FDA/CFSAN) conducted a seminar/lecture for seafood processors and INP (the competent authority and regulatory agency for seafood processing) in Ecuador. Training in interpretation of the Fish & Fisheries Products Hazards & Controls Guidance (Third Edition). Training included a review of changes to the guidance and clarification of current USFDA safety recommendations. Ecuador, 50 from seafood industry and 6 from government. Funded and implemented by Health & Human Services/FDA.	Agreement on SPS	14,400
Improved Fiscal Management	This activity is designed to improve national budget transparency and fiscal analysis. The activity complements current International Monetary Fund efforts to control government spending in an effort to maintain macroeconomic stability. A sound macro policy environment is a key precursor to expanding international trade. Funded and implemented by USAID/Ecuador.	Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	1,300,000
Trade Capacity Building	This activity seeks to strengthen the capability of the Government of Ecuador's trade agreement negotiators to effectively engage in trade agreement discussions intelligently and effectively. It also will build public awareness in coordination with the private sector of the benefits of free trade. Cluster development of ecological tourism will also be tested. Funded and implemented by USAID/Ecuador.	WTO Awareness	300,000
		Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	600,000
		Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	300,000
		Tourism Sector Development	300,000
		Activity Total	1,500,000
Trade Facilitation/Port Security/Advisory Program	This advisory program address problems relating to the shipment of illegal merchandise, mostly narcotics, but also currency and weapons of mass destruction via air, land, and sea conveyances destined for the U.S. The program supports Ecuador's capacity to facilitate legitimate trade between Ecuador and the U.S. Funded by Department of State and implemented by Department of Homeland Security/Customs.	Customs Operation & Administration	133,365
Total FY 03 USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to Ecuador			6,934,205